

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please **AMEND** the specification as shown below. The amended specification replaces all prior versions in this application.

Please amend the Brief Description of Drawings on page 5 of the originally filed application as follows:

FIG. 1A shows a side view of an exemplary apparatus with a support system for dyeing fibers[[.]];

FIG. 1B shows a side view of an exemplary apparatus with a single-belt support system for dyeing fibers; and

FIG. 2 shows side view of apparatus arrangement for dyeing fibers without support system.

Please amend the second paragraph of page 6 of the originally filed application as follows:

An exemplary apparatus (100) ~~according to present invention~~ as shown in Figure [[1]] 1A comprises a fiber rope can (10) for holding fiber rope (12). The fiber rope (12) is carried by supporting system (14) through a guide plate (16). The supporting system (14) is arranged in such a manner that the fiber rope is passed in between the supporting system (14). The supporting system (14) is arranged in pair according to the present invention. Preferably the supporting system is arranged in rolls to carry the fiber rope. The supporting system (14) may preferably be

porous so that the dye passes through the supporting system and the fiber is dyed uniformly. According to the present invention, preferably, the supporting system is inert to dyeing so less dye is consumed by the supporting system. The supporting system (14) according to the present invention is a fabric roll which is inert to dyeing. The supporting system (14) is made from a natural fabric or a synthetic or a mixed fabric that is formed into a roll. The support system according to the present invention considerably reduces the cotton fibers being broken and perfused during the continuous process of dyeing. The support system according to the present invention also eliminates the fiber slippage which generally occurs when fibers are passed directly through the yarn dyeing machine.